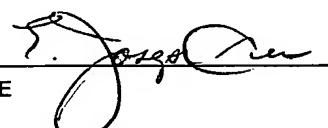


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/521194 | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2003/002285 | | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 18, 2003 | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 22, 2002 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR PREPARING BEADS CONTAINING A CROSSLINKED MINERAL MATRIX | | | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Eric PROUZET, Miriam TOKUMOTO and Aurore KRIVAYA | | | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | | | |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | | | |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | | | |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below. | | | | | |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). | | | | | |
| 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | | | | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). | | | | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. | | | | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). | | | | | |
| 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | | | | |
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| b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | | | | |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) | | | | | |
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| c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. | | | | | |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. | | | | | |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). | | | | | |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). | | | | | |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | | | | |
| Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included: | | | | | |
| 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. | | | | | |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. | | | | | |
| 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. | | | | | |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. | | | | | |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. | | | | | |
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| <p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE, 3, rue Michel-Ange, F-75016 Paris, France</u></p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="4">Basic Filing Fee (1631)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">CLAIMS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER FILED</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER EXTRA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">RATE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-20 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x \$50.00 (1615)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-3 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x \$200.00 (1614)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$360.00 (1616)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Examination Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$200.00 (1633)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Search Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$500.00 (1632)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. 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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P. P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  SIGNATURE E. Joseph Gess NAME </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <u>28,510</u> <u>January 13, 2005</u> REGISTRATION NO. 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